FAMILY PROGRAM

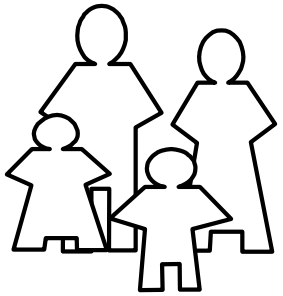
South Dakota National Guard

"Mission first, Families always"

Family Program

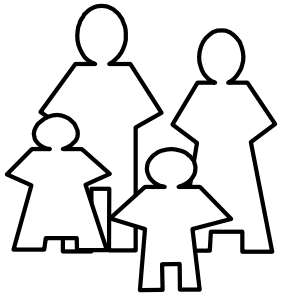
INTRODUCTION -
What you will learn.

- Who we are.
- What we do.
- How can we work together.
- How to contact us.



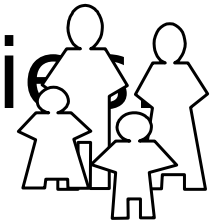
MISSION

- To promote healthy, self-reliant National Guard Families during both deployment and peacetime.



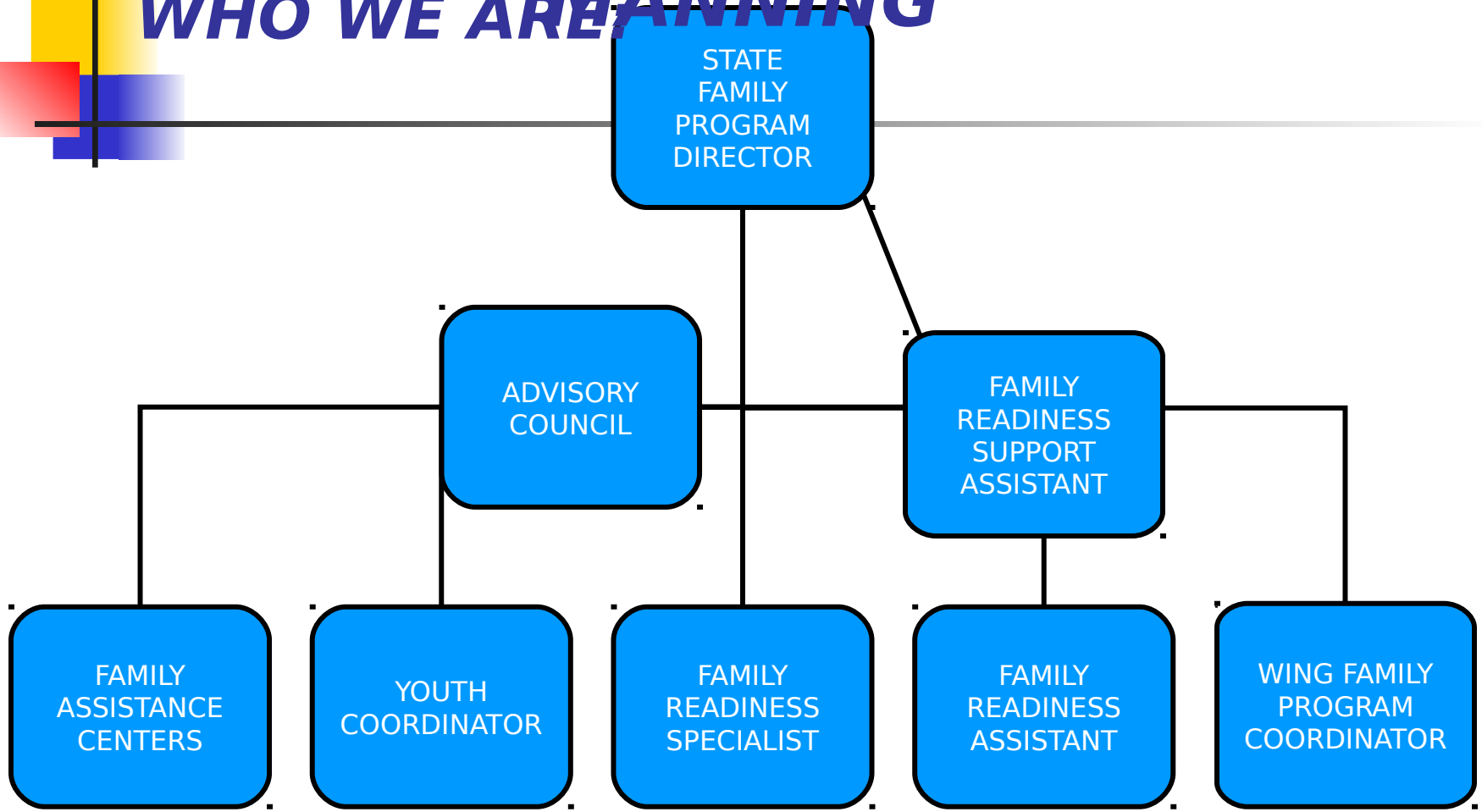
HOW

- Facilitated through education, outreach services, training and partnerships that leverage resources and opportunities



Family Program MANNING

WHO WE ARE



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Responsibilities

State Family Program Director

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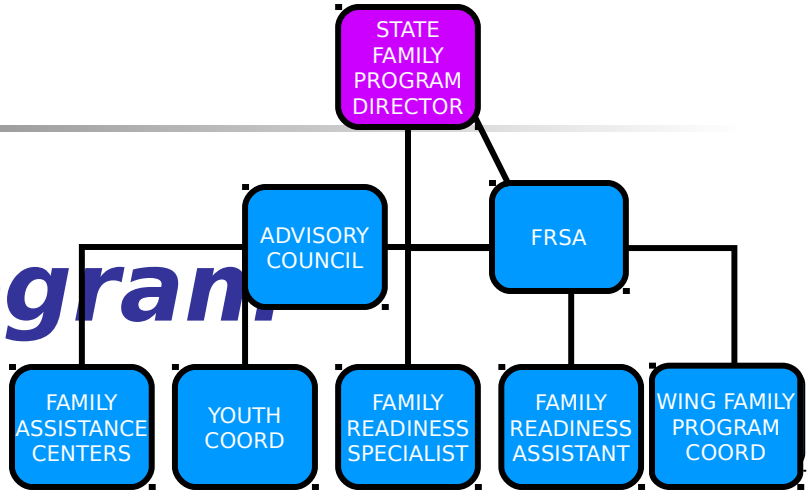

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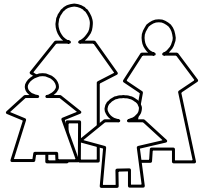
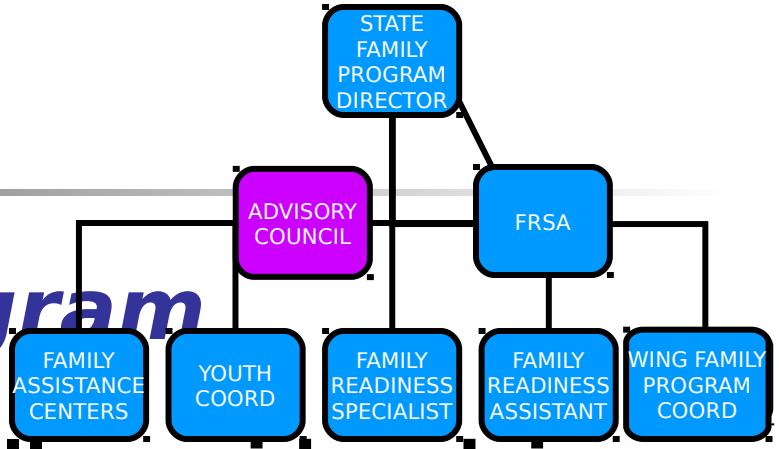
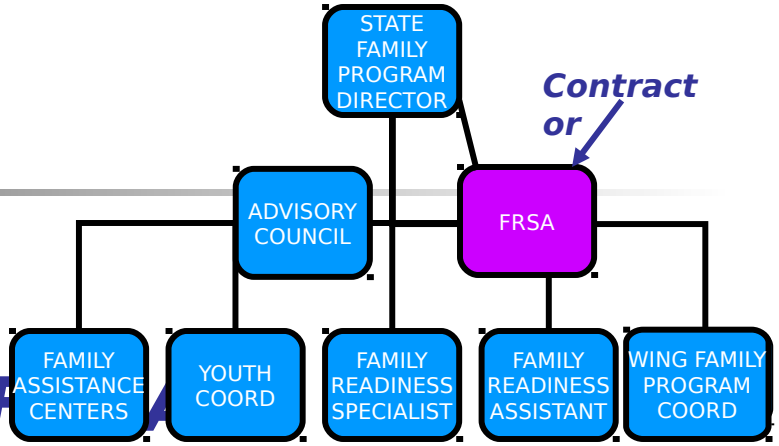




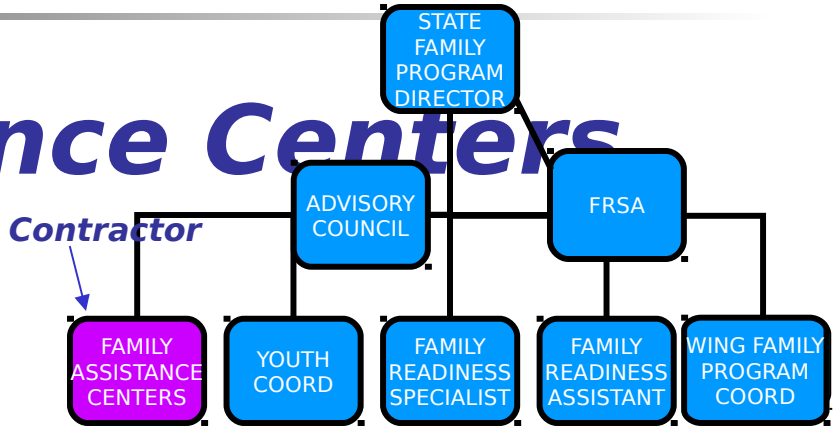
- **PURPOSE**
- **The Advisory Council will provide advice regarding ways in which the community and various organizations can network with the Guard in order to provide the best services and resources to service members and their families.** **The Council's link to these individuals will be through the State Family Program Director.**



- **Responsibilities**
  - **Family Readiness Support Assistant (FRSA)**
- **Serve as a Family Readiness Program Assistant for the Commander to assist with the execution of Family Readiness Command responsibilities for the MEB**
- **AR 600-20**

Responsibilities Family Assistance Centers

- **To provide 24/7 service:**
  - information
  - assistance
  - guidance
  - referrals
- to units and families of service members in the event of mobilization, deployment, reunions, non deployment or at times in response to a major disaster.



6 Essential Services:

- ID cards and enrollment in DEERS (Defense Eligibility Enrollment System) – Enrollment drives family's benefits

Family Assistance Centers

- Tri-care
- Financial
- Legal
- Information and Referral
- Crisis Intervention and Referral

Locations:

Family Assistance Centers

Rapid City - Michele Anderson ~ Family Assistance Center Coordinator

1-800-658-3930

Taryn Lundquist ~

Family Assistance Center Specialist

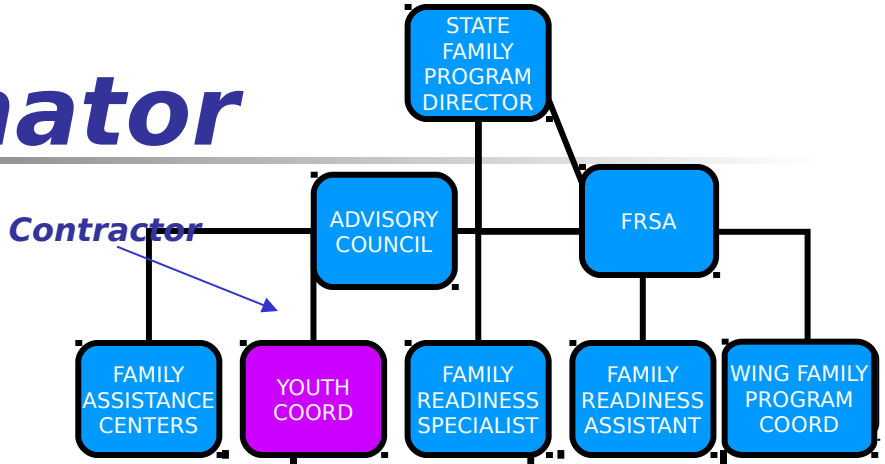
Brookings - Kim Chase ~ Family Assistance Center Specialist

1-866-597-0017

Family Assistance Center

Youth Coordinator
Mike Bierle

Responsibilities



- Mission – To support the social, emotional, and academic needs of National Guard children and youth by providing opportunities for them to network with other National Guard children in order for them to better understand and cope with the issues that being a military family brings.

- Youth Teen Council
  - Share experiences, advice and represent all National Guard Youth within the community
- Collaboration
  - Operation Military Kids – 4H and County Extension offices
  - Speak Out for Military Kids
  - National Guard Drug Demand Reduction
  - South Dakota Educators

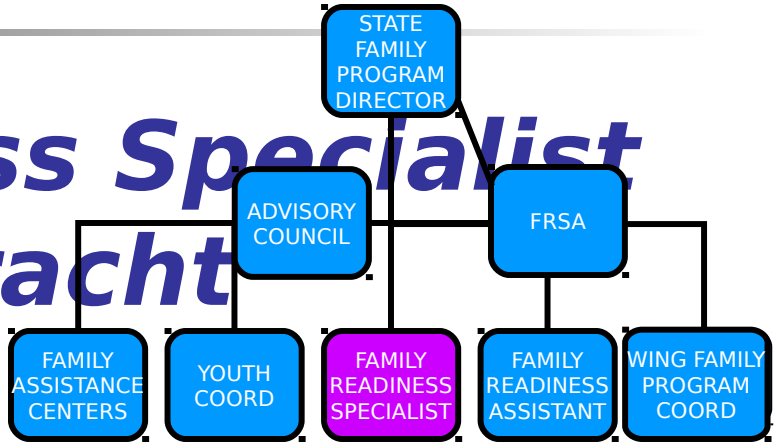
Youth Coordinator

- Youth Leadership Camp (28July – 1
- Teen Camp (3-6Jun)
  - In conjunction with 4H, SDSU

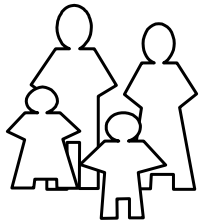
Youth Coordinator

Responsibilities of Family Readiness Specialist

Summer Humbracht

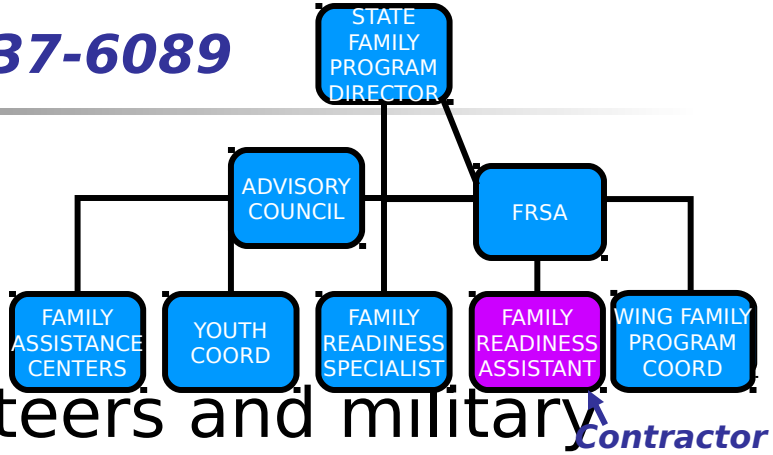


- Helps manage administration of Family Program to include budget, publishing travel orders for volunteers, office and project supplies and all other administrative details.



Family Readiness Assistant

Lynn Wright – 605-737-6089



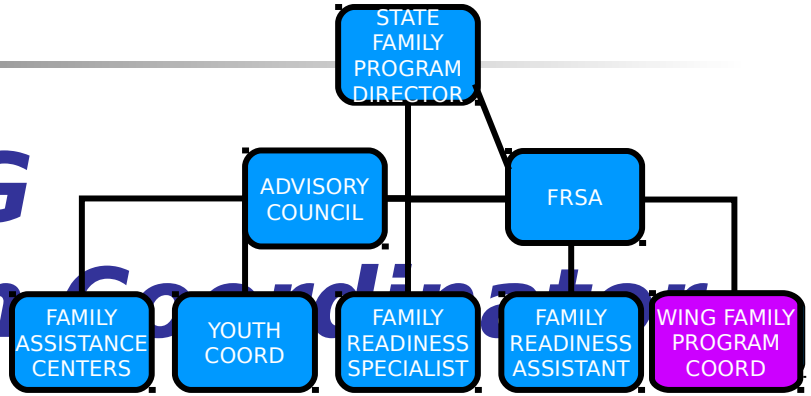
Responsibilities

- Trains Family Program volunteers and military personnel
- Tracks volunteers and Unit Family Program status information
- Assists volunteers and commands by researching questions and information
- Recruits and retains Family Program volunteers

605-988-5962

Air Guard WING Family Program Coordinator Responsibilities

Nicole Waiers



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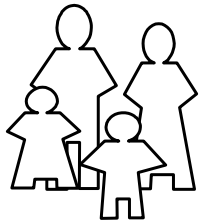
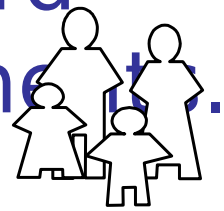


What We Do

1. Educate Families about resources, benefits, and programs available to them to help improve their quality of life.
2. Help prepare service members and their families for mobilization and deployment.
3. Refer families to resources.

What We Do

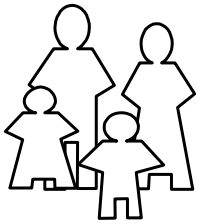
4. Help prepare families for reunion and reintegration.
5. Assist families throughout deployment and reunion.
6. Crisis Intervention and support
7. Primary focus is National Guard Families, but serve all components.



What We Do

Mobilization

1. Assist the unit's Family Readiness Group
   - Telephone Tree
   - Train-Up, Gear-Up operations
2. Answer Families questions
   - Stress Resources
3. Conduct Family Day
   - Prior to mobilization



What We Do

Reunion & Reintegration

PHASE 1

- Families receive “Down Range” Book
  (60-90 days prior to redeployment)
- Family Readiness Group Meeting to discuss reunion & reintegration (4 – 8 weeks – Reunion training)

What We Do

Reunion & Reintegration

PHASE 2

Demob Site

County Veteran Service Officer
Transition Advisor
Family Assistance Center
Chaplain
Mental Wellness
Family Readiness Office

Enroll in VA
Participate in Briefings

What We Do

Reunion & Reintegration

- **PHASE 3**

Deactivation Ceremon

(Resource information available)

- Stress Resources
- Emphasize Contacts

What We Do

Reunion & Reintegration

PHASE 4 (30 + days)

- "We Care" Contacts – welcome letter to families
  - Remind of resources
  - Ensure they have resource#s

What We Do

Reunion & Reintegration

- **PHASE 5 (30 – 60 + days)**
- "We Care" Calls – to service members & families (plus 4 weeks done by FP or Chaplains)
  - Remind of resources
  - Wellness Checks

What We Do

Reunion & Reintegration

- **PHASE 6 - First Drill Back**
  - 60-90 days following redeployment
  - Includes families (parents)
  - Away from unit facilities
  - No cost to service member and family
  - Free Child care
  - Held in nice facility

What We Do

Reunion & Reintegration

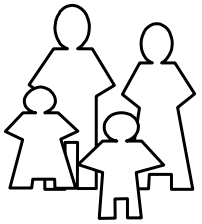
- **PHASE 7 - PDHRA**

Post Deployment Health Reassessment

- Battlemind Training
- Informational Table
- Meet with Commander and 1SC

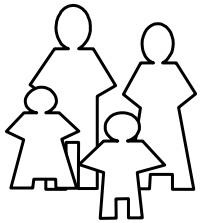
Marriage Enrichment Program

- Married Couples Workshop Weekend Getaway
- Conjunction with State Chaplain's Office
- Life and marriage skills – communication
- First priority - deployed couples



How Can We Work Together?

- Be aware of each other's mission
- Talk
- Refer Families
- Share resources



How to Contact Us

State Family Readiness Office

familyprogram@sd.ngb.army.mil

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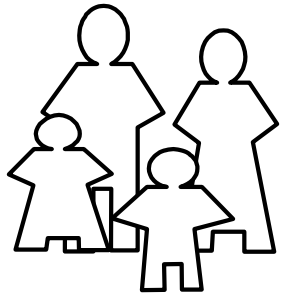

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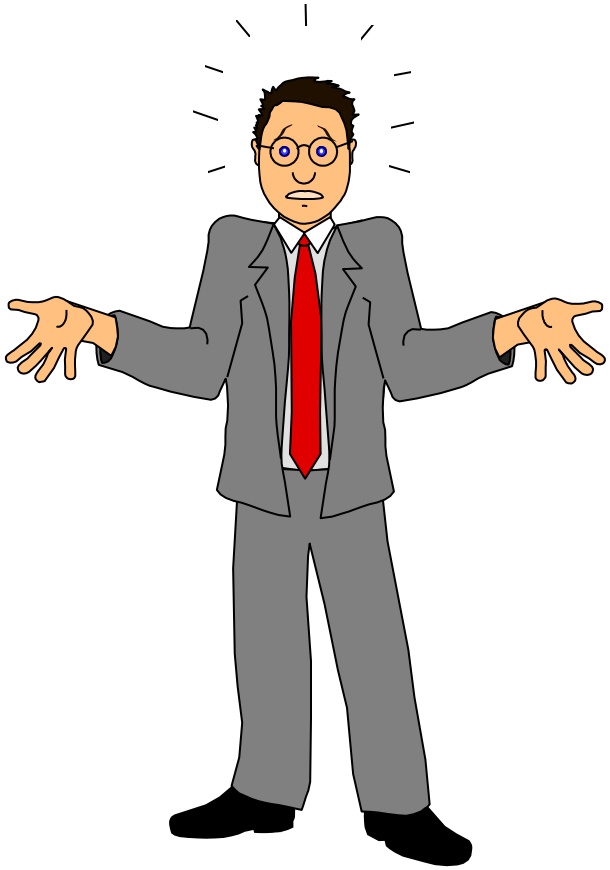

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Helpful Resources

- http://www.militaryonesource.com
- http://www.myarmylifetoo.com
- http://www.behavioralhealth.army.mil/chainteaching/index.html
- http://www.dvbic.org/
- https://sdguard.ngb.army.m
- http://www.battlemind.org/

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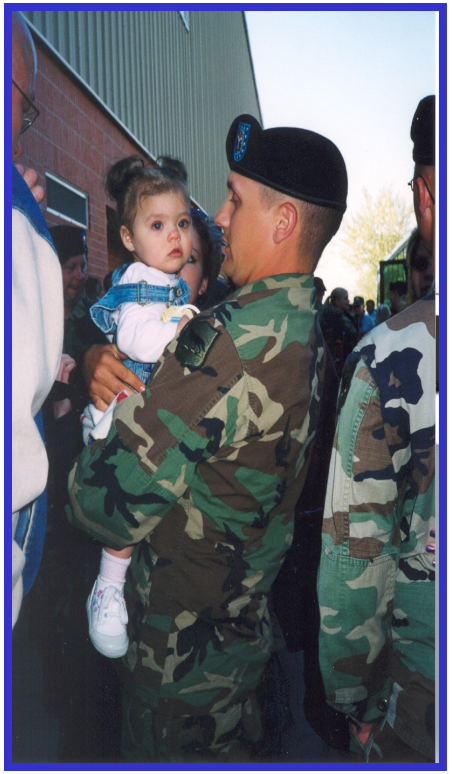

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